

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

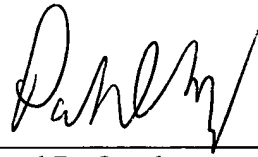
Claims 1 – 22 are currently pending in the application.

The Office Action requires an Election of Species and identification of the claims readable on the elected species.

In response, Applicants elect, with traverse, a combination of 2-acetoacetoxyethyl methacrylate as a (meth)acrylic monomer having an acetoacetyl group, and 2-ethylhexylacrylate as a (meth)acrylic monomer with no acetoacetyl group. Claims 1 – 22 read on the elected species. The basis for traversal is that the species possess unity of invention as (meth)acrylic monomers which comprise a copolymer for a nonaqueous pressure-sensitive adhesive. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for election of species.

Respectfully submitted,

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